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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. 124736-1040 First Inventor Alan B. Nierenberg Method and Apparatus for Regasification of LNG Onboard a Carrier

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) Express Mail Label No. EL 723941173 US **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** APPLICATION ELEMENTS ADDRESS TO: **Box Patent Application** See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. Washington, D.C. 20231 Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing) Computer Program (Appendix) Applicant claims small entity status. 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission See 37 CFR 1.27. (if applicable, all necessary) Computer Readable Form (CRF) [Total Pages Specification (preferred arrangement set forth below) Specification Sequence Listing on: - Descriptive title of the invention i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or - Cross Reference to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D paper - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix Statements verifying identity of above copies - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention **ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS** - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description 9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) - Claim(s) 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement - Abstract of the Disclosure 10. Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee) 11. English Translation Document (if applicable) 4. 🗸 Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total 3 Information Disclosure Copies of IDS 12. Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations 5. Oath or Declaration 3 [Total Pages 13. Preliminary Amendment Newly executed (original or copy) Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) 14. (Should be specifically itemized) Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed) 15. (if foreign priority is claimed) DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 16. (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) or its equivalent. named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). Check for \$780.00 17. 🗸 Other: Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76: Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: Prior application information: Examiner Group / Art Unit For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts. 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Customer Number or Bar Code Label Correspondence address below (Insert Customer No. or Attach bar code label here) Jennifer S. Sickler Name Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP 1000 Louisiana Street Address Suite 3400 City Houston Zip Code 77002 State Texas Country USA Telephone (713) 276-5382 Fax (713) 276-6382 Name (Print/Type) Jennifer S. Sickler Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 36,005

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102 84 202 42 Independent claims in excess of 3 104 280 204 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
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